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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

## (INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

**TRANSMITTAL** 

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

| To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450   |                        | Attorney Docket No.: 1614.1093 |                 |  |  |  |
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| Inventor   |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |
| Application No.  | 09/708,572 🖣           | Group Art Unit                 | 2825            |  |  |  |
| Filing Date  | November 9, 2000       | Examiner                       | Vuthe Siek      |  |  |  |
| CPA Filing Date  |                        | Confirmation No                | 2299            |  |  |  |
| Title of Invention   | DESIGN DATA PROCESSING | G METHOD AND R                 | ECORDING MEDIUM |  |  |  |
| Application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |
| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)   |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |
| a.  \( \subseteq \text{Previously submitted} \) i. \( \subseteq \text{Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August \( \frac{26}{26}, 2003 \) (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  ii. \( \subseteq Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on   |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |
| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of   |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |
| a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  b. Other  |                        |                                |                 |  |  |  |

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|   | by made for an extension |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110);   |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months  |                          |     |             |             | \$110.00     |  |  |
| (\$1,970)):   |                          | ·   |             |             |              |  |  |
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| Total of above Calculations =  Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).  |                          |     |             | \$          | 860.00       |  |  |
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| 4. Small entity status:   |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| a. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.   |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| b. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such  |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| status is still proper and desired.   |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| c.  is no longer claimed.   |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| 5. Cother:  |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
| 6. METHOD OF PAYMENT  |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
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| fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: |                          |     |             |             |              |  |  |
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